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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Lane, Dianda, Kosowski, Byrd, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Kivela.

Representative Sheppard made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Chair Nesbitt made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4694 (Sheppard) Natural resources; gas and oil; siting of well injections; prohibit in certain Karst geology areas.

Representative Sheppard reviewed the provisions of HB 4694 with the Committee.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4694:

John Chandler, representing Summerfield Township
Walter Ruhl, representing Whiteford Township
David Kubiskie, representing Summerfield and Whiteford Townships, in support
Christopher Grobbel, representing Summerfield Township, in support
Hal Fitch, Chief, Oil, Gas and Minerals, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), in opposition
Erin McDonough, representing Michigan Oil and Gas, and Rick Sandviet, representing Trendwell Energy, in opposition
David Hoffman, representing Monroe County Commissioners, in support
Fred Lucas, representing Summerfield Township, in support
Ned Birkey, Michigan State University Extension Educator Emeritus, in support

Cards for HB 4694 were submitted by:

Bob Mannes, representing CORE Energy, in opposition
Kara Cook, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, in support
John Griffin, representing the American Petroleum Institute, in opposition

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, neutral

Subsequent to discussion, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:33 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538